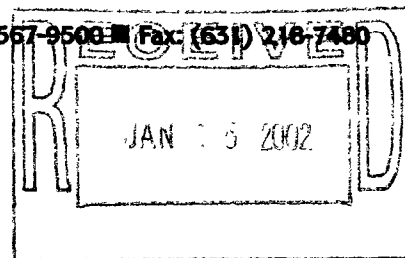




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January 2, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Vitamin E supplements under the Spring Valley label:

- Vitamin E is a fat-soluble antioxidant that protects cells from harmful free radicals.
- Vitamin E helps stabilize cell membranes and regulates oxidation reactions in the body.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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